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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed August 28, 2006, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Group II, Figures 9-15, Claims, 1, 5-8 and 11-17, drawn to covering tank, container bag with closed sides and top cover.

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists inventions readable thereon as follows:

- Group I: Figures 1-8G, Claims 1-12, 14 and 17, drawn to covering tank, container bag with exposed sides, and open top.
- Group II: Figures 9-15, Claims, 1, 5-8 and 11-17, drawn to covering tank, container bag with closed sides and top cover.

Applicant agrees the subject invention covers three different inventions. However, applicant disagrees with the restriction for other reasons. The Primary Examiner finds separate inventions in the Claims 1-17.

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A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exist that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc.

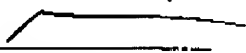
Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. Separate prosecution can create an unnecessary financial burden for both the Applicant and the Patent Office. If both Groups can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

For these reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In reference to the restriction requirement, Applicant again wishes to make their election to prosecute the Group I, Figures 9-15, claims 1, 5-8 and 11-17 with traverse. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know.

Thus, for the above reasons, the restriction requirement is not proper and Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement.

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